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CHIEF JUSTICE SEEKS WRITTEN COMMENTS ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on judicial nominees for a vacancy at the District Court of the Second Circuit, Maui. The names which were submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission are listed below in alphabetical order:

For the vacancy that occurred upon the retirement of the Honorable Eric G. Romanchak on August 1, 2003:

Mimi DesJardins
Kelsey T. Kawano
Simone C. Polak
Douglas J. Sameshima
Shawna J. Sodersten
Kimberly S. Towler

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of any of the nominees before the Chief Justice makes his selection should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon
Supreme Court of Hawai'i
417 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Fax: 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered no later than Tuesday, February 17, 2004. Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

The individual selected by the Chief Justice for the vacancy is subject to Senate confirmation.

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